



SUBJECT: Forum on Sister City, Cebu,
Philippines

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Councilmember Della to Report on Visit to Cebu, Philippines

Brown Bag Discussion highlights Seattle Sister City

SEATTLE – Councilmember **David J. Della**, along with community leaders, will share information about a recent visit to Seattle’s Sister City Cebu, Philippines at a ***Brown Bag* discussion on Wednesday, April 6th from 12 – 1:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 600 Fourth Avenue.** Councilmember **Richard J. McIver** will also share his knowledge about ways to strengthen the sister-city relationship.

“I am excited to report back on my visit to the Philippines,” said Councilmember Della. “One of the goals of our Seattle International Sister Cities program is to promote dialogue and a greater exchange of ideas and information.”

“Seattle continues to be an innovator in developing our sister-city relationship with the City of Cebu,” said Councilmember McIver, a co-host for the forum, who also worked hard with community leaders to establish solid working relationships and increase trade opportunities with the sister city.

The City of Seattle established its sister city relationship with Cebu in 1991 to develop a closer relationship between the two cities through cultural and educational exchanges, as well as to promote trade and tourism. The forum will provide an overview of the Sister Cities program, a brief history on how the city of Cebu was selected, its accomplishments, information on upcoming partnerships between the two cities, and a mini-cultural exhibit.

Councilmembers Della and McIver will be joined by: **Jack Buzzard**, President, Cebu Sister City Association; **Marcela Buzzard**, Cebu Sister City Association; **Asela Ybanez**, President, Cebuanos of Washington; **Bert Caoili**, President, Filipino Community of Seattle; **Tony Ogilvie**, PHD, Executive Dean, Seattle Central Community College; **Bert Golla**, President, Filipino Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest; **Eileen Newell**, President, Filipino American City Employees of Seattle (FACES); **Tsering Yuthok**, Sister City Coordinator, City of Seattle; and **Vic Pineda**, representative, FACES.

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